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FASTENER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated 5/23/2007 (copy attached) is a replacement drawing for drawing sheet 18/45 with the complete Fig 15 .

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COMMENTS: Drawing sheet 18/45. Fig. 15 is cut off.

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